

Overview

Whether you choose to participate in this demonstration or not, your other Medicare benefits won't change.

You will still pay some of the costs of the drugs covered, but in many cases, your costs could be significantly less than those you are paying now. Plus, if your income and assets are limited, you might qualify for extra help paying your share of the costs.

It is important to know that this demonstration is **different** from the Medicare-approved drug discount cards. If you have or want to receive one of the drug discount cards, you can still qualify for this demonstration.

To be eligible

- You must have Medicare Part B, and have or be able to obtain Medicare Part A.
- Medicare must pay first for your health care services (called the primary payer).
- You must have a signed document from your doctor explaining that you need one of the drugs covered under this demonstration for the covered health condition.
- You live in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia.
- You don't have any other insurance that has comprehensive drug coverage (such as Medicaid, an employer or union group health plan, or TRICARE).

For more information and to receive an application:

- Call (866) 563-5386 between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (EST) Monday through Friday. TTY users should call (866) 563-5387, or
- Visit www.medicare.gov on the Web.



The Medicare Replacement Drug Demonstration

A new way to help with the costs of some of your prescriptions

Read this brochure to find out if you can join this time-limited drug demonstration.

To ensure your application is considered, make sure you apply by Sept. 30, 2004.



DRUGS COVERED UNDER THE MEDICARE REPLACEMENT DRUG DEMONSTRATION

A new law lets up to 50,000 people with Medicare who have certain life-threatening diseases obtain drugs they can take themselves at home for their condition. Medicare will cover these drugs if you sign-up for the new Medicare Replacement Drug Demonstration. If you qualify, Medicare will pay for these drugs instead of drugs currently covered under Medicare Part B that you can generally only obtain in your doctor's office. This demonstration project runs from September 2004 to December 31, 2005.

Demonstration Covered Indication	Drug/Biological - Compound Name (Brand)
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Adalimumab (Humira)
	Anakinra (Kineret)
	Etanercept (Enbrel)
Multiple Sclerosis	Glatiramer acetate (Copaxone)
	Interferon beta –1a (Rebif, Avonex)
	Interferon beta –1b (Betaseron)
Osteoporosis (patient must be homebound)	Calcitonin – nasal (Miacalcin – nasal)
Pulmonary Hypertension	Bosentan (Tracleer)
Secondary Hyperparathyroidism	Doxercalciferol (Hectoral)
Paget's Disease	Alendronate (Fosamax)
	Risedronate (Actonel)
Hepatitis C	Pegylated interferon alfa-2a (Pegasys)
	Pegylated interferon alfa-2b (PEG-Intron)
CMV Retinitis	Valcyte (Valganciclovir)
Anti-Cancer	
Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma	Bexarotene (Targretin)
Non-small Cell Lung Cancer	Gefitinib (Iressa)
Epithelial Ovarian Cancer	Altretamine (Hexalen)
Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia	Imatinib Mesylate (Gleevec)
GI Stromal Tumor	Imatinib Mesylate (Gleevec)
Multiple Myeloma	Thalidomide (Thalomid)
Breast Cancer	Hormonal therapy
Stage 2-4 only	Anastrozole (Arimidex)
	Exemestane (Aromasin)
	Letrozole (Femara)
	Tamoxifen (Nolvadex)
	Toremifene (Fareston)